

In the claims:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a first knife;

a second knife;

wherein the first knife includes a first attachment device;

wherein the second knife includes a second attachment device;

wherein the first attachment device and the second attachment device can be attached to each other to attach the first knife to the second knife;

wherein the first attachment device and the second attachment device can be detached from each other to detach the first knife from the second knife;

wherein the first attachment device is comprised of a first plate having an opening;

wherein the second attachment device is comprised of a protrusion;

wherein the protrusion of the second attachment device can be inserted into the opening of the first plate to attach the first knife to the second knife;

wherein the second attachment device is comprised of a second plate attached to the protrusion; and

wherein the first attachment device is comprised of a third plate having an opening which is substantially aligned with the opening of the first plate, and wherein the protrusion can be inserted into the opening of the third plate to attach the first knife to the second knife; and

wherein the protrusion can only be inserted into the openings of the first plate and the third plate when the second plate is at an angle with respect to the first plate and the third plate;

and wherein after the protrusion has been inserted into the openings of the first plate and the third plate, and while the protrusion resides in the openings of the first plate and the third plate, the second plate can be put into alignment with respect to the first plate and the third plate by

rotating the second plate with respect to the first and the third plates until the second plate becomes aligned with respect to the first and the third plates.

2. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the first knife is a folding type knife; and

the second knife is a folding type knife.

3. (original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein

the first knife is comprised of first and second blades; and

the second knife is comprised of third and fourth blades.

4. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 further wherein

the first knife is comprised of a first blade; and

wherein the third plate has a portion which flexes to keep the first blade in an open position.

5. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 further wherein

the opening in the third plate is configured to permit the protrusion to be rotated to a limited extent, while the protrusion is in the opening of the third plate.

6. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein

the opening in the third plate is circular with the exception of two stops which protrude into the opening of the third plate and prevent the protrusion of the second attachment device from rotating three hundred and sixty degrees while in the opening of the third plate.

7. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a first knife;

a second knife;

wherein the first knife includes a first attachment device;

wherein the second knife includes a second attachment device;

wherein the first attachment device and the second attachment device can be attached to each other to attach the first knife to the second knife;

wherein the first attachment device and the second attachment device can be detached from each other to detach the first knife from the second knife;

wherein the first attachment device is comprised of a first plate having an opening;

wherein the second attachment device is comprised of a protrusion attached to a second plate;

wherein the protrusion of the second attachment device can be inserted into the opening of the first plate to attach the first knife to the second knife; and

wherein the opening in the first plate of the first attachment device has a first substantially rectangular portion, a substantially circular portion, and a second substantially rectangular portion;

wherein the protrusion can only be inserted into the opening of the first plate when the second plate is at an angle with respect to the first plate.

and wherein after the protrusion has been inserted into the opening of the first plate, and while the protrusion resides in the opening of the first plate, the second plate can be put into alignment with respect to the first plate by rotating the second plate with respect to the first plate until the second plate becomes aligned with respect to the first plate.

8. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising first and second protruding stops;

wherein the first and second protruding stops protrude into the opening of the third plate of the first attachment device and prevent the first knife from rotating more than one hundred and eighty degrees with respect to the second knife, after the second knife is attached to the first knife.

9. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein

the first and second blades can rotate from a closed position within the first knife to an open position;

and wherein the third and fourth blades can rotate from a closed position within the second knife to an open position.

10. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein

the first knife has a clip.

11. (canceled)

12. (previously presented) An apparatus comprising:

a first knife;

a second knife;

wherein the first knife includes a first attachment device;

wherein the second knife includes a second attachment device;

wherein the first attachment device and the second attachment device can be attached to

each other to attach the first knife to the second knife; and
wherein the first attachment device and the second attachment device can be detached from each other to detach the first knife from the second knife;
wherein the first attachment device is comprised of a first plate having an opening;
wherein the second attachment device is comprised of a protrusion;
wherein the protrusion of the second attachment device can be inserted into the opening of the first plate to attach the first knife to the second knife;
wherein the second attachment device is comprised of a second plate attached to the protrusion;
wherein first and second rotating balls are attached to the first plate, so that the balls can rotate but remain in the same position;
the second plate includes a first ball opening and a second ball opening; and
wherein the first rotating ball can be inserted into the first ball opening and the second rotating ball can be inserted into the second ball opening in order to lock the first knife in a first position with respect to the second knife.

13. (original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein
the second plate includes a third ball opening and a fourth ball opening; and
wherein the first rotating ball can be inserted into the third ball opening and the second rotating ball can be inserted into the fourth ball opening in order to lock the first knife in a second position with respect to the second knife; and
wherein the first position differs from the second position.

14. (currently amended) A method comprising the steps of:

attaching a first attachment device of a first knife to a second attachment device of a second knife, in order to attach the first knife and the second knife together; and
detaching the first attachment device of the first knife from the second attachment device of the second knife in order to detach the first knife from the second knife;
wherein the first attachment device is comprised of a first plate having an opening;
wherein the second attachment device is comprised of a protrusion;
and further comprising inserting the protrusion of the second attachment device into the opening of the first plate to attach the first knife to the second knife.

wherein the second attachment device is comprised of a second plate attached to the protrusion;

wherein the first attachment device is comprised of a third plate having an opening, which is substantially aligned with the opening of the first plate, and further comprising
inserting the protrusion into the opening of the third plate to attach the first knife to the second knife; and

wherein the protrusion can only be inserted into the openings of the first plate and the third plate when the second plate is at an angle with respect to the first plate and the third plate;
and wherein after the protrusion has been inserted into the openings of the first plate and the third plate, the second plate can be put into alignment with respect to the first plate and the third plate by rotating the second plate with respect to the first and the third plates until the second plate becomes aligned with respect to the first and the third plates.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 further comprising
configuring the first knife to be a folding type knife; and

configuring the second knife to be a folding type knife.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 15 further comprising
providing the first knife with first and second blades; and
providing the second knife with third and fourth blades.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 further comprising
providing the first knife with a first blade; and
flexing a portion of the third plate to keep the first blade in an open position.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 15 further comprising
providing the first knife with a first blade; and
flexing a portion of the third plate to keep the first blade in an open position.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 16 further comprising
flexing a portion of the third plate to keep the first blade in an open position.

20. (currently amended) A method comprising the steps of:
attaching a first attachment device of a first knife to a second attachment device of a
second knife, in order to attach the first knife and the second knife together; and
detaching the first attachment device of the first knife from the second attachment device
of the second knife in order to detach the first knife from the second knife;
wherein the first attachment device is comprised of a first plate having an opening;
wherein the second attachment device is comprised of a protrusion attached to a second

plate;

and further comprising inserting the protrusion of the second attachment device into the opening of the first plate to attach the first knife to the second knife; and

configuring the opening in the first plate of the first attachment device to have a first substantially rectangular portion, a substantially circular portion, and a second substantially rectangular portion; and

wherein the protrusion can only be inserted into the opening of the first plate when the second plate is at an angle with respect to the first plate;

and wherein after the protrusion has been inserted into the opening of the first plate, and while the protrusion resides in the opening of the first plate, the second plate can be put into alignment with respect to the first plate by rotating the second plate with respect to the first plate until the second plate becomes aligned with respect to the first plate.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 14 further comprising

inserting first and second protruding stops into the opening of the third plate of the first attachment device;

wherein the first and second protruding stops prevent the first knife from rotating more than one hundred and eighty degrees with respect to the second knife, after the second knife is attached to the first knife.